RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

Foundation 1885 — Admitted to League 1908

Premiers: V.F.A. 1902, 1903
Runners-up: 1901, 1904, 1907
Premiers: V.F.L. 1920, 1921, 1924, 1934
Runners-up: 1919, 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1937

FORTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

and

BALANCE SHEET

SEASON 1936

To be Presented to Members at the Annual Meeting to be held in the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday, 10th February, 1937, at 8 p.m.

E. ROBERTS, President — J. J. SMITH, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Committee of Management, 1936

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is the duty of the committee of the Richmond Football Club to present to you its report of the happenings of the year 1936 as regards your club. It was not, unfortunately, a year of success in a premiership connection, but although circumstances prevented your club's inclusion in the Victorian Football League's "final four" for the first time since 1925, Richmond were premiers on two occasions and runners-up five times in the next eight years. That this annual report should, therefore, commence on a note of optimism, is thoroughly justified. There are times when a set-back acts as a tonic to a virile football club, and your committee is firmly of the belief that in 1937 Richmond will fight their way back to the head of the list.

Once again your committee has to offer congratulations to your club's old and friendly rivals, Collingwood, on having retained the premiership of the Victorian Football League. Once again the Collingwood courage, discipline, and team skill was apparent in marked degree, and the team's progress through the final round was in keeping with the brightest traditions of a great football club. It should be an inspiration to Richmond to know that Collingwood, after a lean period occasioned by the fact that team-building was being proceeded with, slowly but surely was able to come back and win two premierships in succession. What Collingwood has done, Richmond can, and will do.

Your club started the season in most encouraging fashion, winning ten of its first twelve games, eight of them in succession. Among the clubs defeated were Carlton (18.17 to 16.19), and South Melbourne (14.14 to 11.11), which subsequently finished second and third to Collingwood in the final round. But there after, your club's winning run came to an end, and upon the termination of the home-and-home round was in sixth position.

Because of this, it was a season of disappointment for your club. Hopes were raised, only to be dashed. At one stage your club not only appeared to be certainties for a place in the "final four" once again, but was even being spoken of in a premiership connection. Then the

pendulum swung the other way, and match after match was lost, a heart-breaking situation after so promising a beginning.

For this condition of affairs, however, there were extenuating circumstances. Loss of form on the part of prominent players, injuries, disqualifications, and retirements all played their part in the downfall of your team. It was bad enough that the team should have had to commence the season minus the services of such stalwarts as Allan Geddes, Eric Zscheeh, Jack Baggott, Fred Heifner, Maurice Sheahan and Tubby Edmunds. This misfortune was added to further when it was found that Gordon Strang had suffered injury to such an extent the team through-out the season. As members well that he was most unlikely to be a regular member of know, Gordon was able to play in only two matches, and even then was unable to reproduce his best form or do himself justice on account of his knee injury. Another of the "regulars" who suffered an injury that prevented his participation in a number of matches was Basil McCormick, who missed eight games and, when he returned to the team, suffered severe loss of form. Jack Dyer was another whose services were sadly missed during an absence of four Saturdays from your team on account of injuries. It is impossible to over-estimate the value to the side of Dyer, when in form and thoroughly well. Regarded generally last season as the leading follower in the League ranks, Dyer was a tower of strength to the team, and his absence threw an enormous burden upon his colleague in your team's first ruck (Perc. Bentley) in addition to weakening your team's strength in position.

Disqualifications lost your side for varying periods the services of J. Wells, J. Murdoch, Dick Harris, and R. Chergwin. It was most unfortunate that these disqualifications should have been incurred at the most critical periods. That they had an influence on games that were lost by Richmond cannot be denied.

As a matter of fact, of 31 players who represented your club in the home-and-home round, only Bentley Bolger, Cotter, Guinane, Martin, O'Neill, Smeaton, and Titus played in whole of the 18 matches. Seldom was your club able to field a team at full strength at any time during the season. Towards the end of the home-and-home round, replacements were so frequent that your selection committee frequently was at a loss to know just how to place the players at its disposal in such a way as to ensure the effective working of the team.

A quantity of talent was revealed among the club's younger players and recruits but unfortunately the early season form of certain of the youngsters was not maintained. However, your committe is optimistic concerning the possibilities of these players in the coming season, for they have shown that they are capable of development. One and all must, however, learn from first to last the lesson of team discipline. Individual brillance is right enough in its place, but it is the team that counts in Australian Rules Football as played by the leading clubs in the Victorian Football League. The young player who feels that he can be a law unto himself on the field is on the wrong side of the pickets.

Once again, there arose the cry of "too old." A cry that was not heard until your team entered upon its lean period towards the close of the season. There is a surprising tendency on the part of the general public to ignore the fact that Richmond's senior players are old only in experience. In your club's last annual report it was mentioned that the average age of your players was only a few months more than 25 years. At 25 years of age a man should be in the prime of his career as an athlete, owing to the influx of young players, the age average dropped considerably, but still the parrot-cry "too old" was loud in the land. The simple fact is that the team which has not a strong leavening of experience with which to assist the vigor and dash of youth is not likely to progress far. The teams that finished well down the list last season supply proof of that. Youth is very much to be desired, but not by youth alone can League pennants be won.

It will be observed by referring members to a latter part of the annual report, that only eight of thirty-one players had been with your club as playing members for more than five years.

That it will be necessary to strengthen your team in certain departments for the coming season is fully recognised by your committee, which already has given serious consideration to the matter of team-building. The supply of recruits is likely to be good and no efforts are being spared to secure players of the right type for those positions. We are pleased to report that we have secured three players from major country leagues who have been successful in winning the medal for the best and fairest player, together with oustanding local and metropolitan juniors, and should your club's younger players produce that form of which we know they are capable, Richmond can be expected to again be a powerful contender for the League Premiership.

Richmond Second Eighteen.—The Cubs again experienced a successful season, and proved a very valuable asset to the senior body. Owing to the many injuries and disqualifications to senior players, the Cubs were forced to play a record number of local juniors, and although their display was satisfactory they lacked the necessary experience to gain a place in the coveted four. Realising the number of senior reserves comprising the other League Seconds the performance of this youthful team is indeed very encouraging for the future. The unfortunate accident to Allan Geddes early in the season robbed the team not only of his valuable services as a player, but his inspiring leadership, Allan proved in the later matches just how much he was missed, by leading his team to several brilliant wins. Your committee have decided to meet the hard working

band of officials controlling the Cubs in conference, when an endeavour will be made to evolve a scheme that will be satisfactory to all concerned. It is with regret that we report the resignation of that great player and real Tiger Clarrie Hall from the position of President of the Cubs, Clarrie has set a high standard of efficiency, together with his loyalty to the yellow and black, made him the ideal leader, we regret his loss.

The appointment of Allan Geddes as coach for the past season, was indeed a compliment and wise decision to an ex-player who should prove in the very near future of great assistance in coaching replacements for the senior team. Allan's enthusiasm is unbounded, and with his great knowledge of the game the junior players of Richmond are assured of expert coaching.

Your committee appreciates the services of the following officials, Messrs. C. H. Hall (president), J. Cook (hon.secretary), Herb Cox (hon. treasurer), and members of the committee and staff for the valuable work so successfully performed.

The Cup donated by your club for the best and fairest player for season 1936, was won by Allan Maple, to whom we extend our congratulations.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. C. H. Hall due to pressure of business, from the position of President, we are pleased to report that Mr. Ben Alexander has accepted to occupy the proud position vacated.

The choice of Mr. Alexander is a very happy one, with his outstanding business ability combined with his experience in junior football he should prove an ideal President, we extend our congratulations with the hope that Mr. Alexander will continue to be as successful in the future as he has been in the past in football administration. Good luck Ben.

Captain and Coach.—Perc. Bentley was appointed to the responsible position of coach for the fourth successive season. As usual his work was characterised with enthusiasm, and he succeeded in imparting his sound knowledge of the game with that well-known determined skill which he possess. The uneven play of the team particularly in the latter part of the season, caused him a great deal of worry, and your committee is certain that Perc. did everything to the best of his ability to improve the performance of the team. He had the committee's utmost confidence, and a full measure of support from his players. Your committee desires to convey to him their warmest thanks for his efforts this season.

For the fifth successive season the players elected Perc. unanimously to the position of Captain, a compliment well earned by sheer merit, the Captain's grit, determination and loyalty to his club-mates is much appreciated by all connected with your club.

OFFICE BEARERS SEASON, 1936

President: H. L. ROBERTS, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:
F. Donnelly, Esq.; W. H. Gosch, Esq.; W. Mintern, Esq.; F. E. O'Brien, Esq.; T. O'Halloran, Esq. (resigned) E. Taylor, Esq.

Committee:
Messrs. H. Cox, A. Daws, B. D. Edmond, A. Geddes, M. Hunter, L. Langdon, W. Nutt and M. Sheahan

Players' Representatives on Committee:
Messrs. M. Bolger, P. Bentley, and M. Sheahan

Richmond Cricket Club's Representative on Committee:
Mr. W. Smith

Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:
Mr. B. D. Edmond

Richmond League Seconds' Representative on Committee:
Mr. G. Smith

Victorian League Delegates:
Messrs. H. L. Roberts, J. J. Smith

Chairman of Committee: Mr. W. H. Gosch

Hon. Solicitor: F. E. O'Brien, Esq.

Auditors:
J. Appleby, Esq., L.I.C.A., L.C.A.; J. W. Atkinson, Esq., L.I.C.A.

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. D. Roseby

Hon. Dentist: Mr. G. Kermond

Playing Coach: Mr. P. Bentley

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Captain: Mr. P. Bentley. **Vice-Captain:** Mr. J. Titus

Training Room Staff:

Messrs. R. G. Davall (head), J. Watson, L. Bolitho, M. Noble, W. Hhurley, T. Webster, C. Hutchison

Door Steward: Mr. L. Cameron

Hon. Chiropodist: Mr. A. W. Rosier

Boot Studders: Messrs. T. Carswell, H. Vine

Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander

Players' Property Steward: Mr. A. Lewis

Selection Committee:

Messrs. H. L. Roberts (chairman), F. E. O'Brien
L. Langdon, Captain, Vice-Captain.

Captain, Vice-Captain

Finance Committee:

Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (chairman), W. Mintern, H. Dyke, Secretary, Treasurer.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. D. Langdon

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. M. Sheahan

Hon. Social Secretary: Mr. L. Langdon.

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. J. J. Smith, 14 Leslie Street, Richmond. J 3797

INDUCE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1937

President:
MR. H. L. ROBERTS (unopposed).

Vice-Presidents:
Messrs. F. DONNELLY, H. DYKE, W. H. GOSCH, W. S. NUTT, F. E. O'BRIEN

Committee (Seven to be Elected):
Messrs. H. COX, B. D. EDMOND, A. DAWS, A. GEDDES, M. HUNTER, L. LANGDON, W. MAHER, M, SHEAHAN G. B. SMITH, and W. WILLIAMS

Hon. Treasurer:
Mr. J. D. LANGDON (unopposed).

Hon. Secretary:
Mr. J. J. SMITH (unopposed).

General.—Members are indebted to the following gentlemen for the vast amount of time and energy which they displayed in the scouting for new players. On occasions the whole week-end was required for this most important adjunct of your club's activities. Messrs. Roberts, Gosch, Mintern, O'Brien, Edmond, Sheahan Bentley, Dyke, and the Hon. Treasurer.

Your Committee desire to thank the following for gifts to players during the season. Mr. C. Robertson 2 Silver Tankards won by Kevin O'Neill and Joe Murdock. Cr. F. Donnelly, Cup, won by George Smeaton, and several anonymous donors of a guinea won by various players.

Life Governorship.—A life governorship of the Alfred Hospital, placed at the disposal of your Committee by the Victorian Football League, in recognition of the League's charity grant to the Lord Mayor's Fund, was unanimously and deservedly bestowed upon Mr. J. D. Langdon Hon. Treasurer.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Pl'yd
Carlton	23	44	—	67
Collingwood	21	42	1	64
Essendon	27	23	1	51
Fitzroy	28	28	—	56
Footscray	16	4	—	20
Geelong	31	26	2	59
Hawthorn	21	1	—	22
Melbourne	30	18	1	49
North Melbourne	18	1	—	19
South Melbourne	25	32	—	57
St. Kilda	34	13	—	47
	274	232	5	511

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY SECOND ANNUAL MEETING will be held in the Richmond Town Hall, on Wednesday 10th February, 1937, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Office-bearers (if necessary).
3. Presentations.
4. General Business.

Members must present the 1936 Membership Ticket to secure admission to the meeting, and it must be presented to the Poll Clerk to secure a vote.

A Ballot will be taken, if necessary, in the Supper Room, Town Hall on Wednesday, 10th February, 1937, the date of the Annual Meeting.

VOTING FROM 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Musical Programme arranged by Mr. Les Langdon

Returning Officer: Mr. Darlinson, State Electoral Officer.

J. J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary

The player's choice for Vice-Captain fell to Jack Titus, a very popular member of your team is jovial Jack, shrewd and tactful ever ready to assist his Captain, together with that true Richmond spirit he holds the respect of all connected with your club.

Donors of Special Prizes.—Mr. Jones' Trophy (M. Bolger), Mr. Brasser's Cup (Kevin O'Neill), Mr. Curtis' Cup (J. Titus), Mr. Currie's Cup (J. Dyer), Mr. Farnsworth's Engraved Gold Medal (Dick Harris), Mr. Bond's Trophy, Handsome Clock (J. Cotter), and Mr. Richardson's Gold Medal (G. Smeaton).

"Richmond Districts" and other Junior Clubs.— It is with pleasure we report a successful season for the "Districts" and it is confidently hoped that the hard working band of officials controlling the destinies of this very fine junior club, will be rewarded in the very near future with the success they deserve in winning the premiership of the Sub-District League. The performance of team in just missing the coveted four was indeed very creditable, and if the improvement of last season is maintained the outlook is promising for the above happy result. The harmonious relations now existing between the Cubs, The Districts and the Senior Club, should react to the benefit of all concerned. During the season meetings were held between your committee and representatives of the Cubs, and Richmond Districts with the result that the Districts now have direct representation on the committee of the Cubs, a complete arrangement has been evolved for the interchange of players, this is indeed a distinct advance in the management of local junior football. The success of the conference with your committee was in no small measure due to the real Richmond spirit displayed by the following capable administrators, Messrs. Cr. W. Williams, Lightfoot, Yule and Bamfield of the Districts, and Messrs. Alexander, Geo. Smith, Les. Langdon, Allan Geddes and Jim Cook, Hon. Secretary, of the Cubs. Your committee sincerely thank the above mentioned gentlemen.

Local Juniors.—Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the Richmond City Football Club upon attaining the ambition of all connected with this enthusiastic team—the premiership of the V.J.F.L. It is pleasing to note that a local team was again successful in winning the honor of the V.J.F.L. Last season, South Richmond defeated Richmond City for the pennant, therefore the success of the "City" this season was indeed popular and satisfactory,the feeling in junior circles is that the "City" deserve the premiership, they were undoubtedly the best team in the competition. To the runners-up, Burnley, we offer a meed of praise together with the other members of the V.J.F.L. South Richmond and Richmond Amateurs. The premiership dinner held to celebrate was attended by representatives of the V.J.F.L., R.F.C., and all junior clubs in Richmond, proved most enjoyable, in fact it served as a gathering of all concerned in the management of football in Richmond. To Mr. Ben

Alexander (one of the most capable and enthusiastic junior administrators in our City) we offer sincere congratulations for the competent manner in which he conducted the affairs of the "City" Football Club.

Members will be pleased to learn that the management of local junior clubs, in the hands of a most capable band of officials,who are all working with the sole object in view, of placing the senior team at the top of the premiership list in the very near future. The harmonious relations existing between the Seniors, The Cubs, Richmond Districts, and other junior bodies augurs well for the future of the grand old club we are all so proud to serve the "Tigers."

Other local clubs to report successful seasons are Mr. C. C. Mullen's team, Mr. Eddy's two teams, senior and junior, Richmond All Blacks, Richmond Royal Rovers, and Burnley Juniors. Donations were made to the above clubs.

League Delegates.—Mr. H. L. Roberts and Mr. J. J. Smith were again appointed your representatives to the Victorian Football League. Both gave a considerable amount of time to their exacting duties, and are deserving of your warmest thanks. Members will be pleased to learn that Mr. Roberts was again elected Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, of the Victorian Football League.

Donors Other Than Cash.—Australian Knitting Mills Pty. Ltd. portion of uniforms, Preservene Pty. Ltd. soap for training purposes, Hoyts' Cinema, entertaining players, and officials. Burnley Theatre entertaining players and officials, Mr. R. Lean, Stadium Ltd. invitation to attend wrestling match, to players and officials. All concerned are kindly asked to note the committee's appreciation. The handsome present made available by the Burnley Theatre this year was won by Dick Harris, every Tiger supporter no doubt will agree with the above decision with the fervent wish that this popular and excellent player will long continue as a playing member to your club and his State. Dick advises me that the beautiful cabinet of cutlery now adorns the sideboard of his mother. Hearty congratulations.

Donors.—The club desires to record its sincere thanks to the many donors who, year after year, by their cheques, trophies and goods, assist to lighten the burden of finance by their generosity. The committee acknowledge with thanks the various amounts and goods received and trusts that the club may merit the honor of their continued support.

Players In Representative Matches.— In the Interstate and Representative League matches played during the season, our representatives were against South Australia at Adelaide, Jack Dyer and Dick Harris, against the Association at Carlton, Perc Bentley and Jack Dyer. We desire to congratulate the players mentioned on their selection and for the excellent way in which they acquitted themselves in the matches in question.

Long Service Certificates, Presentations and Trophies.—At the annual meeting opportunity will be taken to present a long service certificate to Joe Murdoch, who has completed ten years of sterling service. Hearty congratulations.

During the year, Basil McCormack joined the select few who have played 200 games with your club. What a relief to the officials of your club, if this great player who has rendered yeoman service, was starting his career instead of coming to the end of such a brilliant one both to his club and the Victorian Football League.

A suitable presentation will be made to commemorate the above.

Donations, 1936.—Carlton and United Breweries, £5/5/-; R. Tatterson, £5; S. Sherrin, £5; Bryant and May, £5/5/-; M. J. Carroll, £3/3/-; C. Robertson, £2/2/-; Maples, Swan Street, £2/2/-; Smith Mitchell and Co., £1/1/-; Rosella Pty Co., £1/1/-; Mr. A. Lilley, £1; Pelaco Ltd., £1/1/-; Hon. J. H. Scullin, £1/1/-; Mr. Fred Hesse, £1/1/-; Peters Ice Cream, £1/1/-; Mr. W. Horsfall, £1/1/-; Mr. W. Fowler, £1/1/-; Mr. H. Best, £1/1/-; Preservene Soap Co., £1/1/-; Mr. Mick Kanis, £1/1/-; Burnley Flour Mills, £1/1/-; Kiwi Ltd., 10/6; Dimmeys' Store, 10/6; Mr. Christman, 10/-. Total £43.

Goalkickers, Season 1936.—J. Titus, 83; D. Harris, 46; P. Bentley, 24; D. Baxter, 21; R. Martin, 17; B. Foster, 11; J. Dyer, 8; K. O'Neill, 6; I. Hull, 4; J. Symons, 3; G. Smeaton, 3; M. Patton, 3; G. Hayes, 2; N. Dickson, 2; J. Wells, 2; C. Jordon, 2; M. Bolger, 1; R. Chergwin, 1. Total, 239.

Congratulations.—To the Collingwood Football Club we offer sincere congratulations on winning the premiership for season 1936, the success of this great club is indeed remarkable, year after year, they are able to overcome the many difficulties that are presented in the management of a League team, and their success should act as an inspiration to all to emulate.

To South Melbourne, Carlton, and Melbourne, the other finalists we also extend our congratulations.

To the Footscray Football Club, for the success of their Second Eighteen in winning the coveted premiership, we convey our congratulations.

To D. Ryan of the Fitzroy Football Club, for winning the highest honor of the V.F.L. the much sought after Brownlow Medal we offer hearty congratulations.

To Stan Judkins who has joined the large army of benedicts, we extend our congratulations, and we desire to wish his wife and himself our very good wishes for their future happiness.

Richmond Football Club — Receipts and Expenditure Accounts, Season 1936

RECEIPTS

To Membership Tickets—			
Adults, 3,269, at 8/4	£1,362 1 8		
Children, 68, at 5/-	17 0 0		
	£1,379 1 8		
Less Amusement Tax—			
3,268 Adults, at 10½d.	£142 19 6		
68 Children, at 6d.	1 14 0		
	144 13 6		
		£1234	8 2
„ Donations as per list		43	0 0
„ Victorian Football League Dividend		570	16 1
„ Match Receipts 1936. Home Matches			
Richmond v.			
St. Kilda	£157 10 0		
North Melbourne	52 15 6		
Hawthorn	36 11 5		
Essendon	38 9 4		
South Melbourne	200 0 5		
Melbourne	115 8 4		
Collingwood	194 4 7		
Carlton	178 19 4		
Geelong	84 0 11		
		1,057	19 10
Other Matches			
Richmond v.			
Collingwood	£173 10 6		
Carlton	257 12 8		
Geelong	59 4 0		
Fitzroy	49 16 11		
Footscray	35 16 6		
St. Kilda	54 10 5		
North Melbourne	14 10 11		
Hawthorn	28 15 0		
Essendon	18 12 1		
		692	9 0
„ Practice Matches		22	8 6
„ Broadcasting Fee		25	0 0
„ Interest on loan to Cricket Club (£300)		7	10 7
„ Sale of Footballs		3	19 0
„ Donation—Social Club		164	6 9
„ Donation Richmond Cricket Club as per agreement		350	0 0
„ Deposits on lay-by tickets unclaimed		11	0
„ Stale Cheques		2	6
		£4,172	11 5

DISBURSEMENTS

By Balance overdrawn, E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.		£138	10 6
„ Victorian Football League—			
General Levy	£273 15 11		
Levy 3,405 Adult Tickets, at 6d.	85 2 6		
Registration of 9 Players, at 2/6	1 2 6		
Delegates Fees	2 2 0		
		362	2 11
„ Administration—			
Annual Meeting, Reports, etc.	£68 11 5		
Stamps, Stationery, Printing, Advertisements	57 12 9		
Fire Insurance, Telephone and Telegrams	33 2 10		
Pluvious Insurance	12 18 0		
Insurance Players and Staff	223 9 3		
Secretarial Expenses	90 0 0		
Entertaining Players and Officials	106 9 6		
Bank Charges	6 16 6		
		599	0 3
„ Salaries—			
Auditor's Fees	8 8 0		
Honorarias	181 10 0		
		189	18 0
„ Team Maintenance—			
Payment to Players, Sustenance, etc.	1,555 11 11		
		1,555	11 11
Senior Coach	87 10 0		
Head Trainer, Trainers, and Bootstudders	336 7 2		
Travelling Expenses, Train & Car Hire	133 16 7		
Laundry	17 13 8		
		575	7 5
„ Geelong Trip—			
Railway Fares £20 0 0			
Less Refund 9 0 0			
	11 0 0		
Car Hire	2 9 6		
Entertaining Players and Officials	13 6 0		
		26	15 6
„ Training Requisites—			
Footballs, Boots, Uniforms, Bandages, Oils, etc.	236 0 0		
Medical and Masseurs' Fees	90 10 3		
Refreshments	25 11 2		
		352	1 5
„ Schoolboy F'tball Expenses	42 19 0		
Less allowance V.F.L.	42 17 2		
		1	10
„ Miscellaneous—			
Agents Commission	5 3 0		
Furnishings and repairs	3 8 11		
Presentations and Donations	87 6 4		
Wreaths	5 5 0		
Life Member's Medallions	2 14 0		
Sundries	18 1		
		104	15 4
„ Cubs' Second XVIII—			
Secretary	10 0 0		
Coach	62 10 0		
Umpires	31 10 0		
Annual Donation	20 0 0		
Geelong Trip Donations	15 0 0		
		139	0 0
„ Balance E.S. & A. Bank Limited		121	15 9
„ Balance State Savings Bank of Victoria		7	10 7
		£4,172	11 5

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Loan from Trip Fund	£55 0 0	Loan to Richmond Cricket Club	£300 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	524 6 4	Furniture, Fittings, Piano, Typewriter and Materials	150 0 0
		Cash at Bank	129 6 4
	£579 6 4		£579 6 4

JOHN J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary. J. D. LANGDON, Hon. Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the above Club for the Season 1936, and in our opinion the Receipts and Disbursement Accounts, together with the Balance Sheets, set out above, represent the true position of the Club's affairs. All documents were produced and explanations given to our entire satisfaction, where necessary.

Audited and found correct,
J. W. ATKINSON, L.I.C.A.
J. APPLEBY, L.I.C.A., I.C.A.
9th January, 1937.

SOCIAL CLUB, SEASON 1936

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
To Balance, E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.	£0 16 9	By Dances	£74 6 11
„ Dances	160 11 10	„ Picture Nights	92 0 5
„ Picture Nights	154 18 5	„ Picnic	17 12 0
„ Picnic	19 10 0	„ Special effort, Social Committee	2 10 0
„ Special effort Social Committee	15 3 0	„ Bank Charges	10 0
„ Interest	6 1	„ Donation to General Fund	164 6 9
	£351 6 1		£351 6 1

J. D. LANGDON, Hon. Treasurer
JOHN J. Smith, Hon. Secretary
9th January, 1937

Audited and found correct,
J. W. ATKINSON, L.I.C.A.
J. APPLEBY, L.I.C.A., I.C.A.

TRIP AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND, SEASON 1936

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS	
To Bank Balance, 1935—			By Bank Charges	£0 10 0
E.S. & A. Bank	£0 19 11		„ Balance State Savings Bank	2 9 10
State Savings Bank	1 19 6			
		£2 19 5		
Interest		5		
		£2 19 10		£2 19 10

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	£57 19 10	Amount owing by General Funds	£55 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	2 19 10
	£57 19 10		£57 19 10

Audited and found correct,
J. W. ATKINSON, L.I.C.A.
J. APPLEBY, L.I.C.A., I.C.A.
9th January, 1937

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS, SEASON 1936

Sales, Adults	3,269	As issued by Printer—Adults	4,900
Unsold, Adults	1,495	As issued by Printer—Children	100
Sales, Children	68		
Unsold, Children	32		
Life Members, Donors, etc.	136		
	5,000		5,000

this season's effort owing to the fact that the club was not quite as successful as in the past. We regret that at the present Mr. Langdon's health is not of the best, and it is the fervent wish of officials, players, staff, and members that he will make a complete recovery and assist to place his beloved club at the head of the premiership

The sound financial position of your club is due to the excellent management of the members of the Finance Committee, viz. Messrs. F. O'Brien (chairman), W. Minton, H. Dyke, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary. Revenue and disbursements were controlled in a business like manner with the above happy result.

Selection Committee.—The Selection Committee Messrs. H. L. Roberts (chairman), F. E. O'Brien, Les Langdon, P. Bentley, and J. Titus, owing to the many replacements in your team due to retirements, transfers, and injuries the task of the selectors was a particularly difficult one, and they are deserving of your best thanks for the earnest manner in which they fulfilled their onerous duty. Members might well remember that the position of selector necessitates his attendance at practice matches, every training night, together with the match on the Saturday, therefore he is practically expected to give the whole of his spare time in the interest of your club.

Trainers and Staff.—Owing to the absence of Mr. Ern. Saunders with the Olympic team in Germany, your committee appointed Mr. Bob Devall to the position of head-trainer for the past season. Bob added to his already fine record with your club, over the past ten years, with a special effort in the position of head-trainer, and your committee regret that his efforts were not crowned with the success they deserved. To Messrs. J. Watson, M. Noble, W. Thurley, L. Bolitho, and G. McCutcheon, the members of your efficient training staff, we express our warmest thanks.

To Mr. C. Callander, the club property steward, we are indeed grateful for the excellent manner in which he attends to his many duties

We are pleased to make reference to the loyal work of the following. Mr. Lou Cameron, door steward; T. Carswell and H. Vine, bootstudders; Mr. A. W. Rosier, chiropodist; Mr. Wal Baker, timekeeper; Mr. A. King, training room assistant; Mr. A. Lewis, players' property steward; and those ladies and gentlemen who assisted in the sale of membership tickets.

ADDENDUM

It will be noticed that, for the second year in succession, all membership monies have been paid and, more important still, the club turned a debit balance of £138/10/6 last year into a credit balance of £129/6/4 with which to start the coming season. I take this opportunity of thanking the treasurer (Mr. J. D. Langdon) the Secretary (Mr. J. J. Smith), officials, players, and staff for their help and loyalty to me during the past season.

H. L. ROBERTS, President

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON, 1936

RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS.				
To balance, State Savings Bank			£23 19 4	By Payment to Players:				
Interest:				R. Empey			£29 12 2	
Fixed Deposit £600	£13 10 0			J. Baggott			37 13 9	
State Savings Bank	8 6			T. O'Halloran			49 6 7	
			13 18 6	B. Foster			39 13 6	
Transferred from Fixed Deposit			200 0 0					£156 6 0
				Balance State Savings Bank				81 11 10
			£237 17 10					£237 17 10

STATEMENT OF PROVIDENT FUND AS AT 23rd JANUARY, 1937

LIABILITIES		ASSETS		
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	£481 11 10	Fixed Deposit E.S. & A. Bank, Swan Street, Richmond		£400 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank		81 11 10
	£481 11 10			£481 11 10

Audited and found correct:
23rd January, 1937.

J. W. ATKINSON, L.I.C.A.
J. APPLEBY, L.I.C.A., L.C.A.

5, 10, 15-YEAR PLAYERS.

15 Years.

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years).

10 Years.

1918—H. James. 1919—V. Thorp, B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don.

1934—P. Bentley, A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran.

1935—J. Titus.

1936—J. Murdoch.

5 Years.

1913—H. James, E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—P. Maybury, B. V. Herbert, V. Thorp, F. McCashney, F. Love, S. Reeves. 1916—D. J. Moffatt, C. H. Hall. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede, F. V. Hughes. 1919—H. Allessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, F. Harley, E. Keggin, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss, 1921—M. Hislop, D. Don, J. Smith, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—B. McCormack, A. Geddes, P. Bentley, T. O'Halloran, D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, J. Titus, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, J. Murdoch, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—M. Bolger, E. Zschech, K. O'Neill. 1935—J. Dyer, R. Martin, G. and D. Strang,

LIFE MEMBERS.

The Club's Life Membership List is as follows:—J. Charles, 1885; J. Eastman (deceased), 1896; J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. Elder (deceased), 1898; J. H. Egan (deceased), 1899; W. Malone (deceased), 1900; W. J. Bicknell (deceased), 1902; C. Backhouse (deceased), 1904; A. McNair, 1905; G. R. P. Beachcroft, 1906; A. Edmonds, 1908; A. A. Manzie, 1909; C. Whitaker (deceased), 1910; J. H. Archer, W. A. Maybury (deceased), 1912; A. Tietgens, 1914; G. McIntosh (deceased), 1915; J. H. James, 1915; R. T. Kelly, W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, V. C. Thorp, 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, B. Goodwin, 1922; F. V. Hughes, A. Wood (deceased), 1923; F. Harley, J. Watson, 1924; E. J. Fayle (deceased), O. Mitchell (deceased), 1925; D. Don, J. Smith, 1926; H. Dyke, E. Taylor, 1927; D. Hayes, R. J. Stanley, (deceased), 1928; W. H. Gosch, H. L. Roberts, 1929; W. J. T. Higginbotham, J. J. Smith, 1930; J. D. Langdon, P. Page, 1931; W. Baker, B. D. Edmond, 1932; H. Cox, L. Cameron, 1933; P. Bentley, A. Geddes, T. O'Halloran, B. McCormack, 1934; F. O'Brien, J. Titus, 1935.

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, 1936

	First Played	Matches 1936	Matches Played
Baxter, D.	1934	16	47
Bentley, P.	1925	18	192
Bolger, M.	1930	18	132
Chergwin, R.	1934	14	25
Cotter, J.	1935	18	19
Crapper, F.	1936	2	2
Davey, P.	1935	4	7
Dickson, N.	1936	2	2
Dyer, J.	1931	14	72
Foster, B.	1928	15	133
Grant, G.	1936	1	1
Guinane, D.	1934	18	39
Harris, R.	1934	15	55
Hayes, G.	1936	4	4
Hull, I.	1936	16	16
Jordon, C.	1934	5	15
Judkins, S.	1928	5	133
McCormack, B.	1925	10	200
Martin, R.	1930	18	96
Murdoch, J.	1927	13	180
O'Brien, T.	1936	9	9
O'Neill, K.	1930	18	131
Patton, W.	1936	1	1
Scriven, R.	1935	15	20
Sheahan, M.	1929	8	121
Smeaton, G.	1935	18	22
Strang, G.	1931	2	98
Symons, J.	1934	15	24
Titus, J.	1926	18	168
Wells, W.	1936	10	10
Wisdom, W.	1936	1	1

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(21 Meetings)

H. L. Roberts, 21; W. H. Gosch, 19; H. Dyke, 13; W. Mintern, 20; F. E. O'Brien, 20; T. O'Halloran, 3; E. Taylor, 8; Cr. F. Donnelly, 8; A. Daws, 18; A. Geddes, 17; M. Hunter, 16; Les. Langdon, 21; M. Sheahan, 21; B. Cox, 18; B. D. Edmond, 18; W. S. Nutt, appointed 9/6/36, 11; R.C.C. reps., W. Smith, 12; H. Robinson, 3; E. H. King, 1; J. J. Smith, 21.

Hon. Treasurer, 13; absence of leave granted owing to serious illness.

Cubs Representatives: Geo. Smith, 12; J. Doran, 2.

Players' Representatives: appointed 12/5/36 M. Bolger, 9; P. Bentley, 8.

Finance Committee (Meetings held, 8): F. E. O'Brien, chairman, 8; H. Dyke, 7; W. Mintern, 8; J. D. Langdon, 8; J. J. Smith, 8.

Selection Committee (Meetings held, 26): H. L. Roberts, chairman, 26; F. E. O'Brien, 26; Les. Langdon, 26; P. Bentley, 26; J. Titus, 26.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	Scores For Gls.	Scores For Bhds.	Scores Against Gls.	Scores Against Bhds.	Psn.
1908	G. H. Bennett M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam R. Condon	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	178	207	Ninth
1909	F. G. Tudor	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	179	209	Eighth
1910	M.H.R.	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	121	186	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	138	193	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. McDermott	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	184	229	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	150	190	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	226	143	219	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	C. Hall (25)	126	150	158	216	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	131	170	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	127	192	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	117	155	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	148	210	Run's - up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	143	154	Premrs
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	149	226	Premrs
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	154	204	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	156	202	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	P. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	169	222	Run's - up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	158	183	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	214	211	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	164	219	Run's - up
1928	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	195	218	Run's - up
1929	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	235	220	Run's - up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	175	207	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	174	243	Run's - up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (49)	242	290	174	244	Premrs
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	206	241	Run's-up.
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	206	235	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	215	247	Third
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	225	200	Third
					Totals:	5145	6365	4886	6052	

To Ern McCormick, we offer our congratulations on his selection as a member of the Australian Eleven, we wish him and the team every success.

Ladies' Committee.— Your committee is pleased to report on the successful and efficient manner in which the social committee acquitted themselves this season. Mr. Les Langdon, the new social secretary, together with the following, Mesdames Tom O'Halloran, A. King, J. Titus, C. Callander, and Misses Saxon, Edna McConchie, and Irene O'Halloran, was responsible in raising the magnificent amount of £160 which made it possible for your club to start the 1937 season with the splendid credit balance of £129. Your energetic social secretary and his committee is to be warmly commended for their splendid effort, realising that unfortunately the club was not as successful as in the past to raise an amount considerably in excess of our successful years was indeed an achievement. May this staunch band of helpers continue to serve your club for many years, is the fervent wish of all connected with your club.

Ticket Sellers.—Year after year, we are pleased to report on the capable manner in which Mr. J. D. Langdon, hon. treasurer, and his staff handles the sales of membership tickets at the busy periods at the commencement of the season. The name and address of each member is taken and written, by this method a complete roll of members is at all times available. The following gentlemen are deserving of your best thanks. Messrs. P. Langdon, A. V. Barwood, T. O'Brien, Ray Johnson, Les Gordon, T. Egan, A. Knight, and S. Goldsmith.

General.—Members will be pleased to learn that Mrs. A. King, the live wire of your ladies' committee, is now well on the road to a complete recovery from her recent serious illness.

Your committee is deeply grateful to Mr. Gordon Chilvers, Masseur, for skilled attention rendered to your players during the season.

Your club is deeply indebted to the hon. medical officer, Dr. D. Roseby, and the hon. dentist, Mr. Garnet Kermond, for their unremitting attention to our sick and injured players.

Mr. Frank O'Brien again acted as the club's legal adviser, and your club is deeply indebted to him for his many gratuitous services, during the many conferences with the Richmond Cricket Club, re the agreement. Mr. O'Brien safeguarded the interests of your club from the legal side, and assisted to prepare the agreement accepted by both parties. Mr. O'Brien has proved a most valuable official, for in addition to the above important position, Frank this season is a member of the selection committee and chairman of the finance committee.

To Mr. Dick Lean we again desire to express our sincere thanks, for his generosity in extending invita-

tions to your team to visit the stadium on the occasion of an important wrestling bout.

The vacancies on the committee of management caused by the resignation of vice-president, Mr. T. O'Halloran and the desire of Mr. M. Sheahan to offer his services as a playing member, were filled by Mr. Ern Taylor to vice-president, and W. S. Nutt to the office of committee-man.

Mr. M. Sheahan won the appreciation of all the members for the able manner in which he discharged his duties as assistant secretary. He proved a valuable assistant to the secretary particularly in the recruiting of players in the Ballarat District, Maurie is ever ready to assist your committee in any effort to maintain or improve your club which he has served with distinction over the past eight years.

Players Transferred.—Members will observe that during the past season the following players transferred to other clubs, the demand for Richmond players to act as coaches is indeed very keen, and although your committee appreciates the honor, the propositions offered sometimes creates in the player a certain amount of discontent if he is not permitted to transfer. Every application for a clearance is dealt with on its merits, sentiment should never be permitted to enter into the management of a League Football club. Jack Baggott, coach Essendon Football Club; Eric Zschech, F. Heifner, G. Rudolph, Tasmania; Fatty Edmunds, coach South Bendigo; A. Geddes, coach Cubs. Your committee wish the above mentioned every success, and hope, that they will be just as successful with their new clubs as they were with the Tigers they served so well.

Obituary.—We regret to record the demise of the following during the past season and to the sorrowing relatives we express our deepest regret. Mrs. Donnelly (mother of Cr. F. Donnelly, Vice-President), Mr. Tom Watson (ex-captain), Mrs. McClelland (mother of the President of the Victorian Football League).

Richmond Cricket Club.—Your committee after many conferences with the Richmond Cricket Club, have arrived at an agreement, re the occupancy of the ground for a period of 15 years. The reason for the extension of the usual term of 10 years is at the request of the R.C.C. who explained to your committee that finance required to fulfil the terms of the agreement would be difficult, unless the 15 year term was agreed upon. Members will be pleased to learn that the improvements estimated to cost £15,000 will include increased stand accommodation for club members, and considerable improvement in the outer ground for our patrons and visitors. Increased financial assistance will be rendered to your club under the new agreement. Your committee ever ready to work in harmony with the Cricket Club in the management of the ground immediately loaned them £300 to effect immediate improvements. We are confident that in the new agreement the interest of members is well guarded and therefore it is the unanimous wish of all concerned that the old ground will in the very near future prove capable of accommodating the crowds with the degree of comfort they deserve. The happiest relationship has always existed between the two clubs, and although each is mindful of their duty to their respective members, the conferences were held in a real business like manner realising that the management of the ground is now a very important responsibility requiring the efforts of all concerned to reach the desired result, harmony.

Your committee again places on record its appreciation of the work of not only the executive officers of the Cricket Club, Mr. G. Langford, president, Perc. Maybury, secretary, and Merv. Rankin, hon. treasurer, but all members of the general committee. Hearty congratulations are extended to Ern. McCormick and Leo O'Brien on their selection as members of the Australian Eleven, may they and their team mates succeed in retaining the Ashes for Australia.

President's Outing.—Mr. H. L. Roberts, your president, in an endeavor to encourage the players early in the season, and to give the young players an opportunity to meet officials under ideal conditions, invited players, officials, and staff to a motor drive and dinner at Dromana. The action of the President was much appreciated, and it is to be regretted that his generosity and enthusiasm in his first year of office was not rewarded with the success it deserved.

School Boy Football.—Your committee in an endeavor to give the school-boys an opportunity to play our great game under the best conditions, conducted a local competition for boys under 15 years. The matches were played as curtain raisers and aroused a considerable amount of interest to the members, and extreme pleasure to the boys who much appreciated the facilities made available for their enjoyment. The competition was capably managed by Mr. M. Sheahan, hon. secretary, Messrs. Rennie, Kelleher, McDonald, Shelton, F. Dowling, and M. Bolger. The competition consisted of four teams, viz. St. Ignatius School, Technical School, East Richmond and West Richmond.

The Shield presented by your President (Mr. H. L. Roberts) will this year be held by the premiers (West Richmond) coached by the school boy expert, Mr. Bill Rennie who merits congrats for himself and team.

Your committee appreciates the efforts of all connected with the various teams, and confidently look forward to their assistance in the coming season.

Congratulations are extended to the following players. A. Burns (winner Davall Cup Best and Fairest Richmond School boy).

To Neill O'Halloran (brother of our champion flyer Tom) (Best and Fairest East section).

To Ted Pellet (Best and Fairest Technical School).

To Geoff House (Best and Fairest West Richmond).

Thanks are extended to the following gentlemen for their generosity, Mr. H. L. Roberts (President R.F.C.), Mr. Leo Duff, Mr. Martin Bolger, and Jack Titus, for donating the H. L. Roberts Shield, Bolger Cup, Titus Cup, and the Leo Duff Cup.

The work of organising and the details of the competition entailed a considerable amount of work for Mr. M. Sheahan, hon. secretary, who displayed ability and enthusiasm and much of the credit for the success of the new venture is due to this great sportsman. Maurie Hunter in the role of umpire gave complete satisfaction, together with our old favorite, Charley Callander we extend our best thanks. Bolger ever ready to assist your club helped his old team mate Maurie Sheahan in no uncertain manner and is most enthusiastic for the success of the local lad. The school boys have a great friend in Mart Bolger.

Richmond School Boy Representative Team.—We are pleased to report on the success of the above mentioned team, this team is coached and controlled by the school boys' friend, Bill Rennie. Bill is delighted with the form of several lads in this team and is very confident that in the near future they will distinguish themselves by continuing to don the jersey they are so proud to wear as school boys. These boys are specially selected and their performance at Footscray and at home was indeed excellent. During the season they were defeated only once, by Footscray by 1 point after a splendid exhibition. Their victories were against Collingwood, Geelong, and Ballarat.

Your committee is grateful to Mr. Rennie for his valued assistance, the boys are indeed fortunate that a gentleman with the knowledge of the game that he possesses is so interested to devote many hours in an endeavor to make future "Tigers."

Finance Committee and Treasurer.—It is with extreme pleasure that your committee report on the very satisfactory financial position of the club, commencing the season with an overdraft of £138/10/- together with a drop in the membership roll of approximately 400 your committee will finish the season with a credit balance of £120. Your club is jealous of its reputation, and members will be pleased to learn that the full payments allowed by the Coulter Law, £3 per match, have always been maintained, a splendid acheivement over the past ten years. Your committee have also loaned the Richmond Cricket Club £300, therefore your club is perhaps the most financial member of the Victorian Football League. For the above excellent position your committee is deeply grateful to our esteemed and efficient Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Langdon although the Treasurer has supplied many satisfactory, balance sheets in the past 11 years, he is delighted with